

# OREGON

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. **Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.**

# FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

# REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)

APPLICATION FOR STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF \_\_\_\_\_

I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

## 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.)

a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ b. SEX \_\_\_\_\_ c. RACE \_\_\_\_\_

d. DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card) \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)

a. YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ c. STATE \_\_\_\_\_ d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)

a. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY \_\_\_\_\_  
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b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box) \_\_\_\_\_

c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE \_\_\_\_\_

d. STATE \_\_\_\_\_

e. COUNTY OR PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

f. ZIP CODE (9 -digit, if known) \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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## 5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See Instructions.)

## 7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See Instructions.)

## 8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT

X one only: a, b, c or d  
I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See Instructions)

a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent.

b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.

c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent.

d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.

e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribed to any required state/local oath or statement.

f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.

g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.

h. The information on this form is true and complete.

i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

j. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

X

## 9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE

(If required by state law)

DATE SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

## Application Instructions

Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions below. **You must complete all shaded areas.**

- A.** Do not leave blank. Enter “N/A” if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.
- B.** Provide the complete street address of your Oregon voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Item 7. For example: “on Highway \_\_\_\_, 2 miles past Highway \_\_\_\_, across the street from the \_\_\_\_ gas station.” This address is different from the one provided in Item 4 and must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.
- C.** Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent — usually your current mailing address. It is different from the address you provided in Item 3.
- D.** Print the name of a political party or write, “not affiliated with a party.” If you do not complete Item 6,

you will be registered “non-affiliated.” **If you print the name of a party that selects its candidates at the primary election, you will be eligible to vote in that party’s primary.** Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections. If you are not affiliated with a political party and you wish to vote the primary ballot of a party that has authorized participation of non-affiliated electors, write in Item 7: “I want to vote in the (fill in the name of the political party) primary. Please send me its primary election absentee ballot.” In this case submit your FPCA at least 45 days prior to the primary election. Candidates nominated at a primary election run in the general election.

- F.** The applicant must sign and date the FPCA for it to be processed by the local election official.

## I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

### A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Oregon and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

### B. When To Do It

You may use a single FPCA to request ballots for all future elections (for local, state and Federal offices), except if you are requesting a special write-in ballot (See Section E).

(1) **To register to vote and request an absentee ballot**, send a completed FPCA to the county clerk by the 21st day before the election at which you intend to vote. A postmark of the 21st day before the election is accepted.

**If you are already registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot**, send a completed FPCA to the county clerk so that it arrives not later than the Thursday before the election.

(2) Return your voted ballot so that it arrives by 8 p.m. on election day.

Local election officials mail absentee ballots 45 days before the primary and general elections.

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. See instructions in Chapter 2, page 12, and Section I. E.

### C. Oath/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are sworn to or witnessed.

### D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Oregon allows you to send the FPCA for registration and absentee ballot by fax. After faxing, submit the FPCA by mail.
- Oregon allows you to receive the blank absentee ballot by fax.
- Oregon does not allow you to return the voted ballot by fax.

Please refer to Appendix C for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. **Use only the following numbers:**

DSN 223-5527  
(703) 693-5527  
1-800-368-8683

### E. Special Write-in Absentee Ballot

Oregon provides a state special write-in absentee ballot if you are residing, stationed, or working outside the U.S. and will be unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the period provided for regular absentee ballots.

Use the FPCA to request this state special write-in ballot. In Item 7 of the FPCA, place one of the state special write-in labels from Section III.H. If no labels are available, write in Item 7: "I am outside the territorial limits of the U.S. and the District of Columbia and I am unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery in the time provided for regular absentee ballots. I request a special write-in absentee ballot."

You may request the state special write-in ballot any time before the election, but any request received by the county clerk less than 40 days before the election is treated as a request for a regular absentee ballot.

The FPCA you use to request a write-in ballot is valid only for the election specified in the application.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

## II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

### A. Who Can Do It

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- Oregon residents and their spouses and dependents temporarily residing outside the U.S. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- overseas citizens from Oregon (for Federal office ballots only)
- U.S. citizens who have never resided in the U.S. but have a parent who is eligible to vote in Oregon. These citizens are eligible to vote at the same voting residence claimed by their parent (for Federal office ballots only)

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## III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

### A. Late Registration

Members of the U.S. Armed Forces or merchant marine who have been discharged within 30 days of an election may follow the procedures outlined in Section I to register and vote.

### B. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons found mentally incompetent by a court may not register or vote. Persons imprisoned by the Oregon Department of Corrections for a felony may register but may not vote from the date of sentencing until released, paroled or the conviction is set aside.

### C. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is valid until the registrant notifies the county clerk of cancellation or changes to his or her voting status.

### D. Action on Registration Requests

Notice of acceptance or denial is sent.

### E. Action If Registration Is Denied

Persons denied registration may appeal to the county clerk. Consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

## F. Voting By Citizens Who Have Never Lived in the U.S.

A U.S. citizen who was born abroad and who is eligible to vote and who has never lived in the U.S. may register temporarily and vote in the county where a parent would be eligible to temporarily register and vote pursuant to this action.

## G. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the County Clerk--Elections Office, county of voting residence, as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Baker	Baker City	97814-3398
Benton	Corvallis	97330-4785
Clackamas	Gladstone	97027-2195
Clatsop	Astoria	97103-0178
Columbia	Saint Helens	97051-2089
Coos	Coquille	97423-1899
Crook	Prineville	97754-1919
Curry	Gold Beach	97444-9763
Deschutes	Bend	97701-1941

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Douglas	Roseburg	97470-0004
Gilliam	Condon	97823-0427
Grant	Canyon City	97820-0039
Harney	Burns	97720-1598
Hood River	Hood River	97031-2093
Jackson	Medford	97501-2952
Jefferson	Madras	97741-1709
Josephine	Grants Pass	97526-0203
Klamath	Klamath Falls	97601-6384
Lake	Lakeview	97630-1539
Lane	Eugene	97401-2671
Lincoln	Newport	97365-2908
Linn	Albany	97321-8602
Malheur	Vale	97918-1397
Marion	Salem	97302-3987
Morrow	Heppner	97836-0338
Multnomah	1040 SE Morrison	97214-2495
	Portland	97214-2495
Polk	Dallas	97338-3179
Sherman	Moro	97039-0365
Tillamook	Tillamook	97141-2394
Umatilla	Pendleton	97801-2500
Union	La Grande	97850-2121
Wallowa	Enterprise	97828-1335
Wasco	The Dalles	97058-2266
Washington	Hillsboro	97124-3070
Wheeler	Fossil	97830-0327
Yamhill	McMinnville	97128-4593

***“Vote! It Makes A Difference”***

by David Tacheny, U.S. Army, Molalla, Oregon

If needed, place one of the following stick-on labels in Item 7 of the FPCA:

"I am outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia, and I am unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery in the time provided for regular absentee ballots. I request a special write-in absentee ballot."

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